

Social Studies

Basic Geographic Concepts

Early Elementary:

Human Characteristics of
Place
Natural Characteristics of
Place
Environment
Human Wants and Needs

Location
Community
Movement
Human Connection
to Place
Region

State
Country
Boundaries
Major World Event

Added at Later Elementary:

Cultures
Community Characteristics
Ecosystem
Processes
Resources
Physical Patterns
Land Use
Adapt

Modify
Economic Activity
Migration
Transportation
Communication
Sketch Maps
Geography

Physical Geography
Economic Geography
Cultural Geography
Great Lakes Ecosystem
Physical and Human
Processes

Added at Middle School:

World Regions
Human Environment
Interaction
Occupations

Governments
Economic and
Political Connections
Patterns

Global Consequences
Geographic Aspects of
World Events

Added at High School:

Women's and Men's
Perceptions
Environmental Consequences
World Processes
World Events
World Patterns of Economic
Activity

Urbanization
Population Growth
Economic Development
Resource Use
International Trade
Global Communication

Economic Development
Political Systems
Cultural Stability and
change
Conflict and Cooperation

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Basic Civic Concepts

Early Elementary:

Authority
Justice
Core Democratic Values
National Events

Government
Freedom
Decisions
International Events

Rules
Conflicts
Influence

Added at Later Elementary:

State, Local, and National
Limiting Power of Government
Declaration of Independence
Special Rights (guaranteed
by the Constitution)
Laws (making, enforcing, and
interpreting)

Government Institutions
Campaigns
State & Federal Courts
Citizen's Responsibilities

Added at Middle School:

Constitution
Alternate forms of Government
Common Good
Disparities in American Ideals
and Realities
International Governmental
Organizations

Representative Democracy
Civic Procedures
Individual Rights
Criminal Procedure

Added at High School:

Federal System
Parliamentary Systems
Conduct of Citizens
Practices of Government
American Political System
American Influence (on
other countries)

American Presidential System
Diversity in American Life
Political Behavior
Civic Courts
Criminal Courts

Core Democratic
Values
Foreign Policy
Branches of
Government

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Basic Economic Concepts

Early Elementary:

Production
Services
Markets
Economic Exchanges
Cash

Consumption
Resources
Market Economy
Coin

Goods
Distribution
Currency

Added at Later Elementary:

Scarcity
Decision Making Model
Consumer Credit
Capital Equipment
Corporation
Service
Prices
Distribution

Economic Decisions
Costs
Natural Resources
Individual Ownership
Public
Public Goods
Trade
Importers

Opportunity Costs
Benefits
Human Capital
Partnership
Good
Economic Dispute
International Trade
Exporters

Added at Middle School:

Price
Risks
Private Goods
Role of the Government in
the Economy
Command Economies
Commerce

Economic Trends
Entrepreneur
Economic Measurement
Scarcity
Demand
Barter

Profit
Distribution
Taxation
Economic Institutions
Incentives
Supply

Added at High School:

Earning
Inventing
Foreign Market
Fiscal Policy
Intended Results
International Economic
System
Absolute Advantage
Currency Exchange
Product Standards

Spending
Marketplace
Economic Indicators
Inflation
Unintended Results
Comparative Advantage
Tariffs

Saving
Export
Monetary Policy
Economic Growth
Domestic Economy
Free Market Economy
Specialization
Quotas

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Basic Historical Concepts

Early Elementary:

Clocks Tell time
Weeks, Months, and Years are
Intervals of Time
Past, Present, and Future
Chronological Order
Good Character

Personal Virtue
Records from the Past
Primary Documents
Stories from the Past
Personal History
Family History

Historical Narratives
Historical Facts
Historical Interpretations
Point of View
Evaluate the Decision of
Others

Added at Later Elementary:

Primary Sources
Decades and Centuries
Sequence
Graphic Data
Comparing the Past

Conflicting Viewpoints
Values and Interests
Ethical Considerations
Short-term and Long-term
Consequences

Added at Middle School:

Timeline
Defining Characteristic
Historical Origins
Historical Eras
Reconstruction
Historic Violations of Human Dignity

Secondary Records
Perspective
Contemporary Factors
Alternative Courses of Action

Historical Biographies
Crimes Against Humanity
Core Democratic Values

Added at High School:

Defining Characteristic
Significant Events
Global Impact
Modern World
Historical Inevitability

Historical Analogies
Key or Pivotal Decisions
Contemporary Factors
Alternatives